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SUBJ: LIKUD PLANS TO SEND ANTI-KISSINGER DELEGATION

TO US

REF: FBIS TEL AVIV 2350505

1. LIKUD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO SEND DELEGATION TO US TO MOUNT A PUBLIC OPINION CAMPAIGN AGAINST US POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST. HERUT EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN HAIM LANDAU HAS CHARACTERIZED PURPOSE OF MISSION AS ALERTING US PUBLIC TO "THE KISSINGER SELL-OUT OF ISRAEL".

2. LANDAU REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT SECRETARY HAS BROKEN ALL HIS PROMISES TO ALLON. "KISSINGER PROMISED ALLON THAT THE US WOULD REACH A CONCRETE PROPOSAL NEITHER WITH JORDAN NOR WITH EGYPT (SIC), AND THAT THEY WOULD CONSULT WITH ISRAEL ON WHERE, WHEN AND WITH WHOM NEXT DIPLOMATIC MOVES WOULD BE TAKEN." JERUSALEM POST, AUGUST 25.

3. LANDAU ALSO STATED ON ISRAEL TV THAT RABIN SHOULD REJECT SECRETARY'S PREEMPTORY INVITATION TO VISIT US EARLY NEXT MONTH.

4. LIKUD SPOKESMAN HAS TOLD US THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN
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TAKEN AS TO COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION, TIMING OF TRIP OR

ITINERARY IN US. SPOKESMAN BELIEVED THAT DECISIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS WOULD BE TAKEN AT NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DATE OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN SCHEDULED.

5. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH DETAILS OF PROPOSED

DELEGATION TRAVEL AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

6. COMMENT: LATEST LIKUD INITIATIVE IS EFFORT TO EXPLOIT CURRENTS OF DISSATISFACTION WITHIN ISRAELI PUBLIC AND TO TRY TO GALVANIZE LATENT OPPOSITION TO US MIDEAST POLICY WITHIN ELEMENTS OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ARIK SHARON PLANNED TO GO TO US EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR SAME PURPOSE, BUT TRIP NEVER MATERIALIZED. LIKUD HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN UNREMITTING AND SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN KNESSET AND ISRAELI MEDIA SINCE OCTOBER WAR, AND APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT TIME HAS COME TO CARRY MESSAGE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE. AS IN CASE OF SUPPORT OFFERED BY SOME LIKUD MKS FOR ILLEGAL SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT AT SAMARIA, LIKUD OR AT LEAST ITS MOST HARDLINE ELEMENTS APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIONS CAN EMBARRASS GOI AND BLOCK PROCESS OF SEEKING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS. RECENT DAHAF POLL BEING REPORTED SEPTEL SHOWS THAT LIKUD SUPPORTERS THEMSELVES ARE FAR FROM UNITED BEHIND THIS APPROACH.
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